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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will be real quick with this one. It is basically a technical amendment which I would not have introduced had you not brought the bill back anyway but there is a provision in the bill that says the Department, the Department of Roads can sell these wayside areas when they are not needed. This is on page 7 of the bill again and it says, "The Department shall offer to convey the surplus land," that is the wayside area that is no longer needed, "or facilities to any local political subdivision in the vicinity and if such offer is rejected the Department may sell such lands and facilities." All right so basically they want to give local political subdivisions the right of first refusal on the land. Okay, the problem I see with that is that it says "any" local political subdivision and I assume that they intend to offer it to "all" local political subdivisions in the vicinity and not just be able to offer it to one and then sell it at private sale. So the amendment merely changes the word "any" to "all" so that if for example you have both a county and an NRD that has jurisdiction in the vicinity that they would offer it to both and not just offer it to one political subdivision and I think that that is the intent of the original bill. The amendment was designed to hopefully just enact the intent of the original introducers so that is what it would do. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the amendment? The question is, shall the bill be returned for a specific amendment? All those in favor....excuse me, Senator Chambers, you have your light on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't have any objection to what Senator Beutler is indicating ought to be done but when you are drafting a bill I think if you use...you can use the words "all", "every", "any" or "each" and mean the same thing so "any" might be there as a bill drafting art form rather than to indicate one specific one to the exclusion of all the others. For example, if a person were going to be an assassin and given a thousand dollars for bringing back the head of a particular or any senator, see what it means? Any senator, that would mean that you don't have to be selective. Whoever is the closest, whoever is easiest to kill or whoever has the biggest head which is a good target but sometime there is a thick wall to guard that treasure so you may not want the biggest head. But the point I am trying to make is that I think any and all translate to mean the same thing. I don't